

It is respectfully submitted that the claims presented for examination herein are patentable over the references cited during prosecution of both prior applications, whether taken alone or in combination. None of the prior applications disclose a liner for a lateral pipe having a sealing arrangement between the main and lateral pipeline which includes a collar of resin absorbent material extending on the interior surface of the main pipeline which is held in place during installation by pressure. This liner configuration provides a flexible fabric impregnated section of lining material which is adapted to conform and adhere to the lining of the main pipe for forming a fluid tight seal between the main and lateral connections. This can be done without formulation of sharp shoulders or protruding elements at this location which would tend to be disturbed when cleaning and otherwise servicing the main pipeline in the region of the newly lined lateral connection.

For the reasons set forth herein and in the prior applications, the undersigned respectfully submits that the claims presented herewith for examination are patentable over these references and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to examine the application at an early date with a view towards issuing a favorable application thereon. If upon review of the application, the Examiner is unable to issue an immediate Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney with a view towards resolving the outstanding issues.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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